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Survey Ranks Top U.S. Counties with Outstanding Use of Technology

Sacramento, Calif. – e.Republic's Center for Digital Government (Center) has completed this year's evaluation of America's top digital county governments. This year's Digital Counties Survey found many counties using information technology in increasingly innovative ways and improving service to their citizens.

The 2008 Digital Counties Survey is an annual study by the Center and the National Association of Counties (NACo). To recognize the hard work and innovation of the best governments, the survey's top digital counties will be honored at a national awards ceremony which will coincide with NACo's national conference in Kansas City, Missouri, July 11-15, 2008.

Center Executive Director, Cathilea Robinett said, "The Digital Counties Survey continues to document the technological progress and innovation of county governments. Improved service to citizens and more efficient use of government resources are the results. Congratulations to all the winners."

In April, thousands of U.S. counties were invited to participate in the 2008 Digital Counties Survey. **County officials responded to questions that included more than 100 measurements and data points about online service delivery, infrastructure, architecture and governance models.**

The first-place winners in each of the four population categories are:

- San Diego County, California (500,000 or more population category)
- Loudoun County, Virginia (250,000-499,999 population)
- Frederick County, Maryland (150,000-249,999 population)
- Charles County, Maryland (Less than 150,000 population)

View the full list of winners at www.centerdigitalgov.com

"We are seeing county governments utilizing the efficiencies of technology to deliver services to Americans," said NACo Executive Director Larry E. Naake. "Across a broad spectrum of service delivery needs and budgetary challenges, counties continue to develop improved service delivery options made possible by technology."

This year's survey was underwritten by Hyland Software, developers of [OnBase](#), [CDW-G](#) and [Microsoft](#). All companies are proud partners of county governments across America.

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